BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of:

Loren Turley, D.O.

Holder of License No. 2638
for the Practice of Osteopathic
Medicine and Surgery in the
State of Arizona

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER AND FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

No. 92-003

A complaint charging Loren Turley, D.O., Holder of License No. 2638 for the practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in the State of Arizona with unprofessional conduct as provided in A.R.S.\$32-1854 having been received by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board"); and Loren Turley, D.O., having expressed a desire to execute a Consent to Entry of Order ("Order") pursuant to A.R.S.\$41-1061(D) in lieu of participating in a public hearing concerning the allegations contained in the complaint;

THEREFORE, in lieu of further proceedings and as a final disposition of this matter:

- (1) Loren Turley, D.O. admits that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth are true and accurate.
- (2) Loren Turley, D.O. admits that the conduct described in this Order is unprofessional conduct as provided by A.R.S.§32-1854
- (3) Loren Turley, D.O. acknowledges that the record prepared in this matter, all investigative material prepared and received by the Board concerning the allegations, and all related exhibits and

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materials may be retained in the Board's file pertaining to this matter.

- (4) Loren Turley, D.O. understands that pursuant to A.R.S.§32-1855, he has the right to a public hearing concerning each allegation set forth in the above captioned matter at which Loren Turley, D.O. could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Loren Turley, D.O. waives his right to such hearing.
- (5) Loren Turley, D.O. waives any right to rehearing or review or to judicial review of the Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law or Order.
- (6) Loren Turley, D.O. acknowledges that based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, coupled with his admission thereto, and pursuant to A.R.S.§32-1855, the Board is authorized to take formal disciplinary action against his license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- (7) Loren Turley, D.O. understands that he has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Consent to Entry of Order.
- (8) Loren Turley, D.O. acknowledges that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order contained herein are conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct which may not be disputed, denied or relitigated in any future proceeding and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.
- (9) Loren Turley, D.O. hereby authorizes any attending physician, psychiatrist or psychologist to release to the Board all records pertaining to his care and treatment.

- (10) Loren Turley, D.O. acknowledges that any violation of this Order by him constitutes grounds for further disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S.§32-1854(26).
- (11) Loren Turley, D.O. acknowledges that this Order is effective beginning on the 10th day of September, 1992.

 DATED this 14th day of 5th ker, 1992.

Attorney for Respondent

Respondent

Pursuant to the foregoing Consent to Entry of Order, the evidence contained in the Board's records and files in this matter, and good cause appearing, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

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Loren Turley, D.O. is the holder of License No. 2638 for the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona.

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The Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation of the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona, pursuant to Title 32, chapter 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

III

On September 10, 1992, Loren Turley, D.O., admitted to staff of

the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery that he had self-medicated with controlled and/or prescription only medications (Flexeril) on one or more occasions prior to that date.

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Loren Turley, D.O., was not at that time, under the care and treatment of a physician, and had not been prescribed the medication which he had admitted taking by a physician as part of a recognized course of treatment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The conduct described in paragraphs III through IV herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S.§32-1854(19): Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the Osteopathic Medical Profession or conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public or conduct or practice or condition which does or might impair the ability safely and skillfully to practice medicine.

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The conduct described in paragraph III through IV herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S.\$32-1854(22):

Use of controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless provided by a medical practitioner, as defined in \$32-1901, as part of a lawful course of treatment.

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Pursuant to A.R.S.§32-1855(E)(4), Loren Turley, D.O. be subject to the following order:

- (1) Loren Turley, D.O. shall undergo an in-patient evaluation program for suspected, alcohol and substance abuse and chemical dependence at Chandler Valley Hope Center, Chandler, Arizona ("program"). The duration of the program shall be no less than five days, and shall be determined by the Director of Chandler Valley Hope Center. All costs associated with this evaluation shall be borne by Loren Turley, D.O.
- (2) Loren Turley, D.O., shall authorize treating personnel at Chandler Valley Hope Center to release the findings of this evaluation, along with any necessary recommendations for treatment, to the Board.
- (3) License No. 2638, issued to Loren Turley, D.O. is, hereby suspended, and shall remain so until the Board has determined that Loren Turley, D.O. may be allowed to return to practice. Such determination by the Board shall be made exclusively by formal board action.
- (4) Loren Turley, D.O. shall meet with the Board following the completion of the evaluation program identified in paragraph (1). At that time the Board will determine whether or not any additional actions regarding the license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of Arizona issued to Loren Turley, D.O., are required.
- (5) Loren Turley, D.O. shall use no controlled substance of

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prescription-only medication unless prescribed by his attending physician. Loren Turley, D.O. shall refrain completely from the use of alcohol. Loren Turley, D.O. shall notify the Board in writing of any substance or medication prescribed to him by a physician within twenty-four hours after such prescription is ordered by the attending physician.

DATED this tay of September, 1999

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